

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 32-39 and 42-49 are pending in the application, with claim 32 being independent. Claims 1-31, 40, 41, and 50-96 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claim 32 is amended to include the subject matter of claims 40 and 41. No new matter has been added.

Election/Restriction

All non-elected claims have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. This response is believed to fully respond to the restriction requirement.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 41 was objected to as being dependant upon a rejected claim, but the examiner indicated that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the examiner for indicating that this claim is allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant amends independent **claim 32** to recite features formerly recited in allowable dependent claim 41, and to recite features formerly recited in the

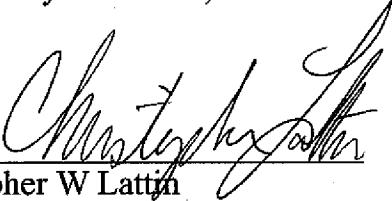
intervening claim 40. The amendments to independent claim 32 are purely of form (i.e., dependent format to independent format), and are not to overcome prior art or any other objections. Applicant submits that independent claim 32 is in allowable form. Accordingly, claim 32 and its dependents are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 32-39 and 42-49 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and an early notice of allowance.

If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, **Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.**

Respectfully submitted,

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